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ABSTRACT

A printer is configured by creating a printer menu structure and installing the printer menu structure on the printer. The printer menu structure is installed on an erasable storage device in the printer. The installation of the printer menu structure replaces or extends any menu structure previously installed on the printer. Prior to installing the printer menu structure on the printer, the system simulates operation of the printer menu structure. The printer menu structure has a hierarchy of menu elements, each of which has an associated menu element type and an associated action. An icon may be associated with one or more of the menu elements.